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Sincerely,

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2100 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20544

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Maria M. Reyes Guevara

RESUME

OCTOBER 8, 1997

EMPLOYMENT

From 7/6/71 to Present

PUERTO RICO TELEPHONE COMPANY, SAN JUAN, P.R.

Management Trainee 1971-1972

Rates and Regulations Analyst 1972-1974

Commercial Quality Auditor 1974-1975

Senior Quality Auditor 1975-1979

Administration and Budget Control Manager 1979-1980

Interstate and Foreign Affairs Manager 1980-1985

Acting Director Legal Department 1985

Director Rates and Separations 1985-1989

Group Director 1989 to Present in charge in different periods of the following Departments:

Interexchange and Interconnect Customer Services (IICSC)

Goals Management

Commercial Staff (Customer Services)

Corporate Planning

Network Planning

Tariff and Pricing of Services

Jurisdictional Costs Separations

Local and Federal Regulatory Affairs

At present Group Director Regulatory Affairs and Pricing Of Services
and Member of the Puerto Rico Telephone Company Pension Committee

Responsible for the planning, direction and controlling of the following Departments:

Local and Federal Regulatory Affairs

Jurisdictional Costs Separations

Tariff and Pricing of Services

EDUCATION

B.B.A. (Magna Cum Laude) 1967

University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, P.R.

MAJOR CONCENTRATION: ACCOUNTING

Minor Field of Study: Finance

J.D. (Juris Doctor) 1980

University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, P.R.

License Granted by the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico on November, 1980

Admitted to Puerto Rico Bar Association on November, 1980

Notary Public

Member of the FCC Bar Association

SPECIAL COURSES

- Rate Development and Jurisdictional Cost Separations
 - Interstate Access Services
 - Antitrust Seminars
- Technical and Legal Seminars on Telecommunications

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FEDERAL-STATE JOINT BOARD ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE ANNOUNCES THE CREATION OF A RURAL TASK FORCE; SOLICITS NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON RURAL TASK FORCE

CC Docket 96-45

In its Report and Order on Universal Service,⁽¹⁾ released May 8, 1997, the Commission, acting on the recommendation of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (the Joint Board), encouraged the Joint Board to establish a Rural Task Force (RTF) to "provide valuable assistance in identifying the issues unique to rural carriers and analyzing the appropriateness of proxy cost models for rural carriers."⁽²⁾ The Commission suggested that the Joint Board establish the RTF shortly after the Report and Order so that the findings of the RTF can be included in any Joint Board report to the Commission submitted before the Commission issues a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on a forward-looking economic cost mechanism for rural carriers, scheduled to occur by October 1998.⁽³⁾ Although it noted that the Joint Board has the responsibility to appoint the members of the RTF, the Commission recommended that the RTF include broad industry representation, including rural carriers, as well as a representative from remote and insular areas.⁽⁴⁾ Finally, the Commission suggested that the meetings and records of the RTF be open to the public.⁽⁵⁾

Consistent with the Commission's recommendations, the Joint Board hereby announces the creation of a RTF. The RTF will focus solely on studying the establishment of a forward-looking economic cost (FLEC) mechanism for rural telephone carriers. Specifically, the RTF will consider whether a FLEC mechanism for rural carriers should have different platform design features or input values than the mechanism adopted for non-rural carriers.⁽⁶⁾ Three subgroups of the RTF will focus on the specific issues of platform design, input values, and the timing of the transition to the FLEC mechanism. The subgroups will report their findings to the RTF. The RTF will then present a report to the Joint Board that makes specific recommendations on the rural FLEC mechanism. The Joint Board will then file a report with the Commission evaluating the RTF's recommendations. The Joint Board report will be filed prior to October 1998, when the Commission will commence a proceeding to establish a FLEC mechanism for rural carriers.

The Federal-State Joint Board solicits nominations for membership in the RTF. The Joint Board will choose RTF members from among the nominations submitted in response to this Public Notice. Members will be selected who are judged to be knowledgeable about either the engineering, economics, or policy concerns of a local exchange network. Nominees should also represent a variety of economic, social, and geographic interests in order to ensure that the RTF membership is well-balanced. Candidates should have sufficient resources to devote to the project, including adequate funding for travel and other expenses. There will be no federal funding available for members of the RTF. The RTF will make its recommendation to the Joint Board by June 15, 1998. We anticipate that the RTF will meet at least three times prior to that date.

The RTF will be comprised of seventeen (17) members. Membership will be comprised of representatives of various groups, allocated as follows:

- Category Incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) serving rural areas, their associations, or their
1: consultants, 5 positions (four of which must be ILECs with annual operating revenues of \$40 million or less)

Category Rural competitive local exchange carriers, their associations, or their consultants. 2 positions

2:

Category Consumer advocates, their associations, or their consultants. 2 positions

3:

Category Interexchange carriers, their associations or their consultants. 2 positions

4:

Category Representative of insular areas and/or Alaska, its associations or its consultants. 1 position

5:

Category State regulator. 1 position

6:

Category Other non-ILEC participants (other appropriate representatives, including those of groups with

7: special interest concerns, such as individuals or groups representing the concerns of Native Americans). 4 positions

Each Joint Board member will select two nominees to serve on the RTF, except for the Chairman of the Joint Board, who will select three nominees. The Joint Board will ensure that the appropriate number of representatives as set forth above are designated for each category. After the Joint Board has appointed the RTF members, the RTF members will vote to select a member to serve as chairperson.

Anyone may nominate a candidate for membership in the RTF. Each nomination should include the nominee's professional and biographical information, such as a resume or professional biography. Nominations should also clearly state the category (e.g., Interexchange carrier) for which each nominee is to be considered.

All nominations must be submitted by October 15, 1997 to the Secretary of the Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554 and to Astrid Carlson, Federal Communications Commission, 2100 M Street, N.W., 8th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties should also send copies of their nominations to the individuals listed on the attached Service List (Appendix). Questions regarding this Public Notice or the nominations process may be directed to Astrid Carlson at (202) 418-7369.

Appendix -- Service List

The Honorable Julia Johnson, State Chair
Chairman
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Gerald Gunter Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

The Honorable David Baker
Commissioner
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30334-5701

The Honorable Laska Schoenfelder
Commissioner
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol, 500 East Capitol Street
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

The Honorable Martha S. Hogerty
Public Counsel
Missouri Office of Public Counsel
301 West High Street, Suite 250
P.O. Box 7800
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Charles Bolle
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol, 500 East Capitol Street
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Bridget Duff, State Staff Chair

Florida Public Service Commission
2450 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0866

Phillip F. McClelland
Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate
1425 Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Tiane Sommer
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30334-5701

Sheryl Todd (plus 8 copies)
Federal Communications Commission
Accounting and Audits Division
Universal Service Branch
2100 M Street, N.W., Room 8611
Washington, D.C. 20554

Rowland Curry
Texas Public Utility Commission
1701 North Congress Avenue
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, TX 78701

Ann Dean
Maryland Public Service Commission
16th Floor, 6 Paul Street
Baltimore, MD 21202-6806

1. Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, *Report and Order*, 62 F.R. 32862 (rel. May 8, 1997) (Universal Service Order).
2. Universal Service Order at para. 253.
3. *Id.*
4. *Id.*
5. *Id.*
6. See Universal Service Order at paras. 254-255.